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## **ABC, Ventura County Sheriff Work Together To Suspend Liquor License**

OXNARD – On January 12, 2006, an Investigator from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) posted a 45 day suspension notice at an Oxnard liquor store after Ventura County Sheriff's Detectives purchased illegal narcotics from an employee at and around the store.

A license suspension notice was posted at the Corner Store, 2425 Roosevelt Blvd. in Oxnard today.

Today's actions means no sales of alcohol will occur at this location until the business has completed its 45 day suspension.

Between December 16 and December 22, 2004, undercover Ventura County Sheriff's Detectives made three controlled buys of methamphetamine from a store clerk in and around the store. During one of the buys, the employee actually put the narcotics in a paper bag with legitimate grocery items before passing it to the officer.

On December 22, 2004, the Ventura County Sheriff's Department arrested store employee Joseph Mkhayel Yousef and executed a search warrant at the store. During the search, detectives found a pre-marked \$50 bill in the cash register that was used to buy the narcotics. Mr. Yousef has since pleaded guilty to sales of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

Based on the Ventura County Sheriff's Department investigation, ABC was able to take action against the store and suspend the liquor license. In addition to the suspension, ABC ordered the license permanently revoked if a similar violation were to occur at the store within the next three years.

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak, a member of the Governor's Cabinet. For more information contact Chris Albrecht in the ABC Santa Barbara District Office at (805) 564-7719.